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INCOMPLETE SEARCH			
The Search Division considers that the present application, or some or all of its claims, does/do not comply with the EPC to such an extent that a meaningful search into the state of the art cannot be carried out, or can only be carried out partially, for the following claims:			
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Claims searched incompletely :			
Claims not searched :			
Reason for the limitation of the search:			
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Claim(s) searched completely:
1-5, 8-16

Claim(s) searched incompletely:
6, 7

Claim(s) not searched:
17

Reason for the limitation of the search (non-patentable invention(s)):

Article 52 (4) EPC - Diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body.
These claims were nevertheless searched based on their alleged effects.

Further limitation of the search

Claim(s) searched completely:
1-5, 8-16

Claim(s) not searched:
17

Reason for the limitation of the search:

Present claim 17 relates to products defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely inhibition of fusion of an HIV-1 envelope glycoprotein+ cell with a CD4+ cell.

The claims cover all products having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides disclosure within the meaning of Article 83 EPC for only a very limited number of such products. In the present case, the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 84 EPC). An attempt is made to define the products by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, no search has been carried out for claim 17.